

The bachelor thesis on the topic: "Volunteers and their motivation for canistherapy" is divided into the theoretical and practical part. The aim is to find out what motives lead people to do voluntary work in canistherapy. The theoretical part defines the basic concepts of motivation, volunteering and canistherapy, because these concepts are related with the name and with the aim of my work. First, there is defined motivation, basic concepts of motivation in relation to personality, motives and the resulting volunteering. Through these themes I come to the concept of volunteering, which is described in the second chapter. Since volunteers are the core for the canistherapy as a whole there is also defined a concept of volunteer, his/her selection, training, rights and obligations and aspects, which can support or hinder the volunteer in his activity. Finally in the third chapter, I mention areas for volunteering which include also the canistherapy discussed in my thesis. The third chapter is the longest, to enable us to penetrate into the issue. In the practical part, I used qualitative data analysis. Selected respondents were three volunteers who have volunteer experience with canistherapy. The results showed that the main motivation for volunteer in canistherapy is a pleasant leisure time and the fact that it is also satisfied for their dog. The work could be useful for volunteer coordinators in the context of how to work and how to consolidate the motivation. It also might be useful for volunteers who want to volunteering in canistherapy and for the general public for more information about this activity.